

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

The invention relates to an article-positioning machine. The inventive machine comprises means includes a device for collecting the articles in a plurality of individual housings which move in a closed circuit and for enabling the articles to fall through at least one drop zone, each of the oriented articles being directed into a corresponding alignment conduit which moves together with each housing. The machine also ~~comprises release means~~ includes a device for removing the oriented and aligned articles from the alignment conduits and moving same to an outfaced conveyor. ~~Moreover, each~~ Each alignment conduit comprises ~~includes an upper portion which is used to collect articles from the corresponding housing, at least one self-guided mobile middle portion which defines at least one conduit and a lower portion which receives the articles and which comprises at least~~ includes two or more compartments to which the article can be transferred, and a mobile middle portion which defines at least one conduit and which is moved to distribute the articles from the upper portion to the two or more compartments of the lower portion.